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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Toru YANO and Nobuyuki SAKUDA  
BIODEGRADABLE RESIN COMPOSITION AND BIODEGRADABLE  
RESIN MOLDED ARTICLE  
**Assignee: NISHIKAWA RUBBER CO., LTD.**  
Our Ref. Q80109

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising thirty two (32) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, one (1) sheet of drawings, a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>10</u> - 20	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>1</u> - 3	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Base Fee								\$770.00

<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>	<b>\$770.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>	<b><u>\$810.00</u></b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JAPAN	2003-130364	May 8, 2003
JAPAN	2003-184899	June 27, 2003
JAPAN	2003-411647	December 10, 2003

The priority documents are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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